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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE

SAME

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 5 and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate having a first conductive layer provided therein;

an insulation layer provided above the semiconductor substrate;

a semiconductor layer provided above the insulation layer, wherein the semiconductor layer includes an element isolation region which has a connection hole;

a second conductive layer provided above the semiconductor layer or in the semiconductor layer, and electrically connected to the first conductive layer; and

a contact layer provided in the connection hole, the contact layer electrically connecting the first conductive layer and the second conductive layer.

5. (Amended) The semiconductor device as defined by claim 1,